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UDOT to Close I-15 for Provo Center Street Bridge Demolition July 10

Crews to Remove Bridges Over Center Street to Make Way for Freeway Widening and New Interchange

LEHI, Utah (July 1, 2010) – Construction teams on UDOT's Utah County I-15 Corridor Expansion (I-15 CORE) are scheduled to close both directions on Interstate 15 in Provo beginning Saturday, July 10, at 11 p.m. with all lanes reopen by 11:30 a.m. Sunday, July 11. Crews will remove bridge decks on the southbound off ramp to eastbound Provo Center Street. Another bridge at the interchange is scheduled for removal July 14 from 9 p.m. to July 15 at 5:30 a.m., and will require ramp closures.

July 10 – Full I-15 Closure and Bridge Demolition

During the July 10 freeway closure, northbound traffic on I-15 will exit at University Avenue and detour via 300 South to 500 West to Provo Center Street and back onto I-15. Southbound I-15 traffic will be diverted through the on and off ramps at the interchange.

Provo Center Street will also be closed between 900 West and 1600 West during the freeway closure. Local motorists should use 820 North or 600 South as east-west alternates. There will not be access on to the freeway from Provo Center Street and drivers should use University Avenue or University Parkway.

Ramp access will close beginning July 8 at 10 p.m. to prepare the bridge for demolition on July 10. All southbound off-ramp traffic from I-15 will shift to a new signalized ramp for the next two years until the new interchange is complete.

July 14 – Bridge Demolition and Ramp Closures

No freeway closure will be necessary for the July 14 bridge demolition, however ramp access to I-15 at the Provo Center Street interchange will be closed for those coming from the east and west sides of the freeway. Motorists in Provo wishing to access I-15 should use University Avenue or University Parkway interchange.

Provo Center Street will also be closed between 900 West and 1600 West. Alternates for east-west travel are 820 North or 600 South.

The purpose of the demolition is to facilitate the widening of I-15 by two additional lanes both northbound and southbound and to make way for a new modified diamond interchange at Provo Center Street by December 2012. The existing bridges cross over I-15 and are too narrow to allow for widening in their present state.

The bridge is one of 63 structures on I-15 CORE that will be new, rebuilt or modified. The Provo Center Street interchange is one of 10 to be rebuilt or modified. UDOT encourages drivers to TravelWise, plan ahead and stay informed to avoid delays by signing up for weekly e-mail updates at udot.utah.gov/i15core, becoming a follower on Facebook follower at facebook.com/i15core and on Twitter at twitter.com/i15core. Text updates are also available by texting "i15core" to 83043.

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Construction activities and dates are subject to change. Please check the I-15 CORE project website (udot.utah.gov/i15core) for the latest information.